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The Honorable  
Chairman Defazio and Ranking Member Graves  
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for Project FIRST in surface transportation reauthorization legislation. The project sponsor for this project is the City of Vancouver and the project is located at 17806 SE 1st Street, Vancouver, WA 98684.

The funding is designated for the expansion of two lanes to include one travel lane in each direction, a center-turn lane, sidewalks, and bicycle facilities. It also includes lowering the roadway, installing a roundabout at 184th Avenue, and installing a new traffic signal at 190th Avenue.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have several benefits, including building a safer transportation network that increases access, and strengthening a multi-modal transportation system. SE 1st Street is essentially a two-lane rural road and is not capable of carrying traffic associated with the area's growth in recent decades. In addition, areas north of the corridor are preparing to redevelop into a series of commercial, industrial, retail and residential uses. The project improves the corridor by providing travel and turn lanes for vehicles, separated sidewalks for pedestrians and a dedicated cycle track for bicyclists and micro-mobility users. Major intersections will be improved to address capacity and safety concerns.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jaime Herrera Beutler  
Member of Congress